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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1080)

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In re Application of:)
Dick T. Van Manen)
Serial No.: 09/681,341) Art Unit: 3612
Filed: March 21, 2001) Examiner: Pape, Joseph
For: Vehicle and Bumper Assembly Therefor) Confirmation No.: 5256
Having an Integral Fascia and Energy)
Absorber, and Method for Making the Same)

RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the office action of September 24, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 20 and 33.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 8-11, 14, 19, 21-24, 37, 34-37 as follows:

1. (Amended) A vehicle comprising:
a body having a bumper mounting portion thereon;
a bumper beam mounted to the vehicle bumper mounting portion;
a fascia mounted to the vehicle in overlying fashion to the bumper beam, said fascia comprised of a single structural layer of polymeric material with the proviso that the polymeric material contains no mineral reinforcement nanoparticles and having a